Late release of reservation charts at New Delhi and Lucknow Railway Stations

157. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the railway reservation charts are usually released just before the departure of the trains at New Delhi and Lucknow railway stations;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the late release of reservation charts cause considerable hardships to the passengers; and

(c) what remedial measures Government propose to take to remove this hardship?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) No, Sir. However, complaints of occasional delays in display of reservation charts at New Delhi and Lucknow have been received.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Officers and Supervisons have been instructed to make surprise inspections and rectify deficiencies, if any. Specific instances of delayed display of charts are viewed seriously and staff found responsible are sternly dealth with.

Intrusion into Indian Air Force Space in Ladakh by Pakistan Planes

158. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of 1st June, 1985 to the effect that a fleet of six Pakistani combat planes recently intruded deep over Siachen Glacier and the adjoining Nubra Valley in Ladakh region on a photographic mission;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the number of occasions on which the Pakistani planes intruded into the Indian air space for similar mission; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government to the flagrant violation of Indian air space by Pakistani planes?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Government have seen the media report in question.

(b) and (c) The violation of our air space by Pakistani combat planes in the Siachen Glacier area on 29-5-1985 has been taken up with the Government of Pakistan who have been urged to refrain from such activities. There have been some other cases of violation of our air space by Pakistani aircraft and these have been taken up with the Government of Pakistan from time to time.

Narmada Irrigation Project

159. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh Governments have not contributed to the Gujarat their share for the execution of the Narmada Irrigation Project;

(b) what is the amount of loan finally decided by international agencies for the Narmada Irrigation Project; and how much has been disbursed;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce lift irrigation system in Saurashtra from Narmada canals to utilise the surplus waters as suggested by a section of the public of Saurashtra region; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The Governments of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh have already paid a major portion of their share of expenditure on the construction of Sardar Sarovar Project. The World Bank is to provide an assistance of US $ 450 millions to the project. No disbursement has yet taken place.

(c) No such proposal has so far been received at the Centre from the Government of Gujarat.

(d) Does not arise.

All India Entrance Examination for M. B. B. S.

160. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to conduct an All India entrance examination for M.B.B.S. course;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether this examination is likely to apply to such institutions also, which collect capitation fees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) The Supreme Court in its judgments of 22nd June, 1984 and May, 1985 has directed the Medical Council of India to conduct the All India Entrance Examinations for admission to under-graduate and Post-graduate Medical/Dental courses. According to the directions of the Supreme Court, 30 per cent of the open M.B.B.S./B.D.S. seats after taking into account the reservations validly made are to be filled on the basis of the All India Entrance Examinations.

The directions of the Supreme Court would apply to all such institutions which fall within the definition of State under Article 12 of the Constitution.

Rapid Transit System in Madras

161. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount sanctioned so far for the Rapid Transit System in Madras City; and

(b) whether any letter was received from the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu urging increase of funds for the project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Rs. 7.05 crores (including Rs. 3.50 crores for 1985-86).

(b) Yes, Sir.

Telugu Ganga Project

162. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned the Telugu Ganga Project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The Telugu Ganga Project has not yet been accepted for inclusion in the Plan.

(b) Does not arise.

163. [*Transferred to the 18 August, 1985.*]

Admissions in Delhi University

164. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of students seeking admission this year to the first-year of the degree courses in various faculties in the colleges and institutions of Delhi University;